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THE REAL ELECTION OF MCKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT

On Monday next, the 447 men chosen as Presidential Electors will meet in the several capitals of the 45 States and solemnly cast their votes for President and Vice President of the United States. While each Elector has the unquestioned right to vote for the man of his choice, there is no doubt that 292 of these votes will be cast for William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt and 165 for William J. Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson. Each Board of Electors will send the result of their voting by messenger to the presiding officer of the Senate at Washington, and on the second Tuesday in February the meet in joint session and officially canvass the votes so cast. When the result is announced McKinley and Roosevelt will be in law, as they now are in fact, President and Vice-President-elect. □

CAPITATION TAX
The Legislature should provide some means by which the present system of assessing and collecting the capitation tax should be simplified or failing that, to abolish the tax. The Constitution provides that the Legislature shall require the collection of a capitation upon every male citizen of the age of 21 years and upwards. Acting under this section, the Legislature has required the collection of 50 cents per annum. In theory, this is all right and proper. Every citizen however humble should bear a part of the expenses of the government under which he lives. In practice, however it is all wrong and as a matter of fact it adds to the burdens of the real taxpayers who own property either personal or real. The tax is a small one and very unpopular and the collectors do not make any real effort to collect it. Take New Castle County as an illustration. There were polled for the office of Governor 24,497 votes on November 6, 1900. With a proper allowance for men not voting and young men who will come of age before the assessment is complete, there should be about 28,000 men liable to this tax. As a matter of fact there will be probably 35,000 or 40,000 names on the assessment lists. For nearly all these names, the assessors will receive from 12 to 20 cents each. Then the names must be written and re-written in the Clerk of the Peace's office and that work must be paid for. Next they go on the tax collectors duplicate at an additional expense. The collector sends out bills that cost at least 2 cents each. And in a majority of cases probably three-fourths of the whole number, that is the last of the matter until the collector comes up to settle with the Levy Court, when he is allowed all who have not paid as "delinquents" or "errors." Then the names have to be written again and more expense added. We have not the figures at hand for any one tax year but the reports for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1899, are as follows:—

Amount of Capitation Tax assessed \$13,540, representing 27,080 names. Amount of Capitation Tax collected \$955 less a rebate of \$24.50 or a net of \$930.50. Of course this represents only the collections for six months. In the whole twelve months, however, there was collected of the 1898 assessment of capitation tax only \$500 and a surplus of \$8.33. Granting that the collections of the 1899 assessment during 1900 would amount to the same amount we have a total of \$1,455 of tax collected or a little over ten per cent. of the amount levied. In other words 2910 male citizens of the age of 21 years and upward, paid their share of the expenses of the government, and we are positive that at least ninety-five per cent. of these citizens paid their capitation tax in addition to their taxes on real or personal taxes. We do not believe that \$100 was raised as the result of a capitation from non-property owners.

To assess these 27,080 names at an average of 15 cents per item cost the county \$4,062. The Clerk of the Peace was probably allowed half that amount, making at least \$6,000 expense to get \$1,455 revenue which shows this tax to be decidedly losing venture. And the loss of a tax of that kind is abolished the better for the county. Some means can be pro-

vided to insure the collection. The capitation tax and the dog tax are both antiquated and unprofitable.

DELAWARE DEMOCRATIC METHODS
In addition to its work of electing two United States Senators the Legislature of Delaware, now in session at Dover, will be called upon to decide three contested election cases. They are all of an interesting character by reason of the revelations that will be made of the methods by which the Democracy sought to keep itself in power. The most interesting, perhaps, will be the Senatorial case of Ross vs. McNulty, which has for the scene of its action an election district in Wilmington.

In this case Howard DeHaven Ross, a Regular Republican, is contesting the seat of Senator McNulty, Democrat, on the grounds of gross irregularities and fraud in his election. The evidence that will be adduced in behalf of Mr. Ross' claim will read, it is said, like a page from an election contest in the "black belt." The methods adopted in both cases bear a striking similarity.

Witnesses who will be presented to the Committee on Privileges and Elections will show, it is claimed, that in one polling precinct in Wilmington the Democrats held up the election until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, refusing to permit any one to vote. About that hour the polls were opened, but the Democrats, who had been notified to be present, were formed in line and led off in the voting with the Republicans in the rear. After about an hour of this sort of thing the polls were again closed, remained so for half an hour and then opened, and a performance similar to the preceding one was again gone through with.

On the face of the returns Senator McNulty had a majority. It could not well be otherwise under the tactics resorted to by his partisans. Mr. Ross, the contestant, has canvassed the district in question and will present something like 175 affidavits and statements from voters, showing that had they been permitted to vote they would have cast their ballots for Ross. Delaware lies below Mason and Dixon's line, and it is natural that it should adopt the methods of carrying elections in vogue in the South. With Republican control of the State there will be an end of this, and Delaware will be the better for it.

A BAD STREET
We desire to call the attention of our Town Commissioners to the condition of the sidewalk on Lake street East of the Hose House. We have had our attention called to it several times and on Thursday evening last, after the rain we made a personal examination. To say that the sidewalk is in bad condition but faintly expresses it. The road for nearly all the way out is nearly ankle deep with mud, and in at least two places, one of which was yards in length the water is over shoe-tops. Such a sidewalk should not be permitted to disgrace the community. The people who have to use this street are taxpayers and citizens and as such are entitled to and should have a good pavement to travel on. This does not necessarily mean brick, but there are many ways to make a good sidewalk. The property owners should be forced to make the necessary repairs either by a good gravel path or to put down a good plank walk, and this should be done at once. Conditions will not improve but with bad weather will rapidly grow worse.

NEW PHONE FOR MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

The Maryland and Delaware Telephone Company, which was recently chartered at Dover, and which is composed of a company of Baltimore capitalists will at once begin the construction of its line through this State. The company intends to buy the telephone line recently constructed by the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, comprising about 120 miles, and which will be improved with metallic circuits. They also expect to absorb franchises owned by this road through a number of prominent towns through the Peninsula, establishing exchanges in several of them, and making Wilmington the outlet. New lines will also be built. The company will be a decided rival to the Diamond State Company, whose headquarters are in Dover, and the Eastern Shore Company, whose principal office is in Easton, and of which Harry A. Richardson, of Dover, is the president. It is understood that the new company is backed by the Maryland Telephone Company of Baltimore, which is one of the most enterprising lines in the East.

Muskates are a Nuisance
Muskates are plentiful in the marshes below New Castle, so numerous, in fact, that they have become pests to the farmers in that vicinity. Thursday, Edward Denn captured fifteen of the animals in about one hour.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THIS LEGISLATURE

When the House reconvened Tuesday afternoon, Speaker McCommons announced the following standing committees: Rules—Long, Shallos, Layton. Revenue and Taxation—Moore, Clark, Long, Hope, Shallos, West, Hutchinson. Judiciary—Baynard, White, Clendaniel, Gooden, Wright. Federal Relations—Pretzman, Aron, Dayett, Monaghan, Hardesty. Crimes and Punishments—Chandler, Short, Flinn, Holcomb, Warren. Agriculture—Aron, Clendaniel, Hodgson, Scotten, Pepper. Temperance—Clendaniel, Clark, Short, Vinyard, Wright. Revised Statutes—Clark, Hope, Ewing, West, Hearn. Printing—Ewing, Pilling, Layton, Ralph, Vinyard. Fish, Oysters and Game—Shallos, Scotten, Hodgson, White, Long. Elections—Moore, Hitchens, Layton, Hodgson, Hardesty. Education—Baynard, Hope, Pilling, Monaghan, Warren. Appropriations—Flinn, Dayett, Aron, Healy, Pepper. Stationery and Supplies—Pilling, Short, Clendaniel, Wright, Gooden. Miscellaneous Business—Dayett, West, Hitchens, Hope, Holcomb. Account—Hitchens, Robertson, Moore, Hearn, Shallos. Enrollment—Hodgson, Aron, Pretzman, Long, Monaghan, Healy, Hutchinson. Municipal Corporations—Robertson, Ewing, Baynard, White, Healy, Gooden, Pepper. Private Corporations—Hope, Pilling, Clark, Moore, Flinn, Robertson, Hearn. Constitutional Reform—Layton, Flinn, Chandler, Pretzman, Vinyard.

DELAWARE CITY

Charles Wingate is visiting in town. Miss Annie Ayers has returned to Philadelphia. Mrs. John Patterson spent Monday in Philadelphia. S. H. Craig enjoyed a brief visit to New York this week. The week of prayer was observed in the M. E. Church this week. Mrs. Charles G. Ash has gone to the south of France for the winter. Mrs. S. Dunlap, of Wilmington, visited relatives in town a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swain spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. Schunder. Ice seven inches thick was cut this week by some of the farmers near town. W. Van Hecke left town on Friday for Philadelphia where he has obtained employment.

John Cairns was injured last week in Reynolds' lumber yard but sustained no serious injury. The quarters or barracks that were blown down a few weeks ago, are in process of re-erection. The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. met on Tuesday evening at the M. E. parsonage.

Miss Ida Colburn accompanied by her father and sister, Miss Colburn, is at Atlantic City for her health.

Mrs. H. S. Thompson who has been quite ill for about two weeks is recovering and able to be down stairs. One of the soldiers from Fort DuPont met with an accident while attempting to board a trolley car, but was not seriously injured.

Miss Emma Clark, of Grendel, entertained Mr. Bradley this week. Mr. Bradley's friends were delighted to welcome him back to Delaware City. While skating on the basin a few days ago, Miss May Southwick broke through the ice and it required the efforts of four or five men to extricate her from a perilous situation.

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EARLEVILLE NOTES

Miss Helen Spear spent from Friday until Monday at home.

Mrs. John DuHamel moved to her farm lately purchased from Mr. James A. Raley.

Mrs. Sallie Simmons spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. William Price at Warwick.

Several couples from here attended the revival meeting at Cecilton M. E. Church on Sunday evening.

Miss Lillie Biddle, of near town, is spending sometime with Miss Alice Clark at Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Ruth Alderson and Miss Mary Richards spent Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Howard Lollar.

Miss Mamie Taylor has returned to Baltimore after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Taylor.

Some from here were present at the shooting match at Cecilton on January 9th. If Ike goes he will bring home the game.

Mr. George Hurt has removed his family to Chesapeake, we were very sorry to part with Mr. Hurt as he was both a good farmer and neighbor.

Messrs. Bladen and Vessey Craycroft, of Philadelphia, have returned to their home after spending the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Emma Willis.

Mr. Lockwood Stann visited Cecilton friends during the Xmas holidays. Come again Lockwood, friends are always glad to welcome you.

Miss Amanda Stevens, of Chesapeake City, and Miss Alice Stone, of Philadelphia, were entertained for a few days last week by their aunt, Mrs. Alice Robinson.

Since January 1st muskrats have been very scarce, as some young men from Cecilton having killed all they could find. They report a good time if they can't find much game.

There was quite a large gathering of friends at the residence of Howard Lollar on Tuesday evening, January 1st, it being the tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lollar's marriage.

Announcement is made of the wedding of last Wednesday evening, of Mr. Irving L. Dempsey and Miss Dora M. Todd, both of Galena. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's father, ex-County Commissioner Samuel Todd. The bride is a popular and accomplished young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. T. L. Dempsey, also of Galena, and has just returned from the West, where he has been very successful in the lumber and logging business. He will remain in Kent and go to farming near Galena.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mrs. John Anderson is on the sick list. John H. Price spent Tuesday in Elkton.

Revival meetings each evening at the Zion M. E. Church.

William G. Jones and G. G. Morgan spent Monday in Elkton.

Noble P. Ferguson is spending the week with Elkton friends.

Mr. Augustus Bouchelle and wife, of Bohemia Manor, visited relatives in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Bond and daughter, Miss Elsie, are on a visit to Mrs. Alexander Wilson and Mrs. Dr. E. N. Crawford.

Thomas P. Jones, Sr., is very much improved at this writing, and hopes are now entertained of his entire recovery.

Miss Virgie Price returned to Chester, Pa., on Saturday, after spending a few days with her grandfather who has been quite sick.

The barn on the farm of John H. Price, in Sassafras Neck, near Fredericktown, was destroyed by fire, and but for hard work on the part of the neighbors several other buildings would have been burned.

The personal property of George Hurt, of near Earleville, was sold on Wednesday last. Everything sold very high. A pair of handsome bays sold for \$200. Mr. Hurt has removed to Chesapeake City.

The marriage of Mr. William Holt Woodall, of Fredericktown, to Miss Hallie G. McCauley, will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McCauley, near Galena, on January 17th.

Quite a large number attended the ball given by the young men of town in the Mechanic's Hall. Friends from Chesapeake, Elkton, Warwick, Galena, Fredericktown and Cecilton were present. All expressing themselves as having a delightful time.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black entertained at tea on Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Black, Dr. R. M. Black, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, Misses Nellie Lushy and Annie T. Jones, Messrs. G. G. Morgan, Albert Watts, Harry Lushy, all of Cecilton; Lewis Spear and John Benson, of Earleville; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Steele and Miss Mamie, of Chesapeake City; Miss Harriet Pearce, of Philadelphia; Misses Bernice Shockley and Mary Watts, of Townsend.

ENGINE NO. 61 PAST RUN

Engine No. 61 on the Delaware Division of the P. W. & D. Railroad made her run of eighteen miles between Harrington and Dover Fair grounds, last week, in 23 minutes, which included a stop of nearly three minutes loading material at Dover station. There were 15 loaded freight cars attached and it is said to be about the fastest time that has ever been made on that division. Barney Ryan was the engineer, Alfred Goodnow, fireman, and Richard Carlisle, conductor, of the fast train which made the fast run.

Mr. Uilston Appointed
William E. Uilston, editor and publisher of the Kent News, who relinquished his business to his two sons on the 1st of January, has been appointed to a \$1,200 clerkship in the office of Lloyd Wilkins, State Insurance Commissioner. Mr. Uilston's family will not remove from Kent county.

FRUIT CULTURE.

The Peninsula Horticultural Society in Session.

FINE EXHIBITION OF FRUIT.

Assemblymen Attend in Body—Address on "Horticultural Education"—Many Topics of Importance to the Farmer Discussed.

The Peninsula Horticultural Association began its annual meeting at the Opera House here Wednesday morning and continued until Friday. One of the features was a most interesting exhibit of apples, pears, &c.

After the convention had been called to order by President Carter the opening prayer was made by the Rev. F. H. Moore. S. M. Reynolds made an address of welcome on behalf of the town and D. W. Corbit, of Odessa, made a similar address on behalf of the county.

Robert Morrell, of Michigan, made a most interesting address in which he told of his experiences in traveling through farming sections. In the course of his remarks he said: "I thought when I got to Delaware that I had found the best groomed farmers and finest country I had ever seen. Most of the farmers could readily be taken for bankers." He was greeted with great applause.

In his address to the society, President Carter made his greeting to the society with a most excellent report concerning the fruit yield on this Peninsula, with special credit to the work accomplished by the Peninsula Horticultural Society in shaping the policies and practices of the fruit growers. He advocated strongly the teaching of horticulture in the public schools, a study which would exercise a far-reaching and commanding effect upon the fruit growing sections in the future.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDRESS:
"The past season has been a prosperous one for fruit growers, and a large majority of them have reaped substantial profit from their crops. In some instances there has been such an abundance of particular kinds of fruit that low prices prevailed, but such a result is inevitable when the supply is in excess of the demand and the market is glutted. There are but two remedies for such a condition. One is to reduce the acreage and the other to extend the scope of the market and to transport to distant points, by aid of refrigeration."

PEACH NO LONGER KING.
"The peach is certainly no longer the king of the peninsular fruits. We have had a big crop this year and the fruit as a rule has been fine, but in many instances the growers made money. In my opinion, if the crop is to be profitable in the future it must be made so by judicious thinning and pruning, high culture, liberal feeding of the soil and exercising particular pains in picking, grading and marketing the products of our orchards. We must make it not only the best fruit in the market but also the best looking fruit and thereby restore to the Delaware and Maryland peach the undiminished prestige it enjoyed in years gone by."

"There was a good crop of strawberries in 1900. Once more the supply was greater than the demand, and low prices ruled to the detriment of the growers. The area of distribution enjoyed by the strawberries is at present circumscribed by its power to withstand the natural process of the decay without artificial preventives by the use of the refrigerator car this might be extended to such a degree that by a judicious system of distribution a glut could be made a matter of practical impossibility."

"The supply of raspberries and blackberries was limited and prices were fair throughout. Early apples paid well and we had a fair crop of 'Yellow Transparent' and 'Red Astrakhan.'"

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The session of the Peninsula Horticultural Society Thursday was made much more interesting by the attendance of the members of the Delaware Legislature, who came by special invitation to hear Professor Bailey lecture on "Horticultural Education." His talk was interesting, and although many of the legislature had no knowledge of farming or agricultural pursuits, they gave close attention to Professor Bailey, who was an eloquent talker and presented his subject in a manner to be appreciated by all. Joseph E. Carter, of Smyrna, presided over the meeting and Lieutenant-Governor-elect Cannon, President Ellison and Speaker McCommons occupied seats on the platform with him.

Professor Bailey said that on his visits nowadays he observes a general elevation and a tone of uplift in the farming communities. There is more intelligence abroad, greater interest and enthusiasm in agricultural work. All this is brought about by an agricultural education, he contended, notwithstanding the statements of stump speakers, the daily press and magazines that agriculture is on a decline, is afflicted with an incurable disease. This education is not school education specifically, but a general broadening of information through experiment station bulletins, agricultural papers, etc.

He recalled that a few years ago education was for the few. The great trend since the day of the father of education to the present day has been to give education to the people. Now it is not aristocratic, it is democratic.

Professor Bailey traced educational progress in the world, linking with it the steady, broadening desire to attain and to disseminate knowledge pertaining to agriculture and horticulture. George Washington, he said, had much to do in improving the condition of the farming classes. In the present day the speaker said something is needed to stand between the agricultural colleges and the people to fill in the gap existing between the two. The university extensions idea, he thought, would meet in this condition. Nearly every college in the country today is taking up this missionary spirit. It is in Delaware to-day, Professor Bailey said, referring to the plan of Professor Neale and other attaches of the Delaware Experiment Station in lecturing on agricultural subjects and issuing valuable information pertaining to that pursuit for the benefit of the men following it. In this country any man who writes to an experiment station gets a bulletin. The worse the postal card is spelled the sooner the writer will get the bulletin. The time has come for definite, specific information in agricultural education. In many states one-half the people are farmers.

The speaker answered a question which he said is asked daily of Cornell University: "would it be advisable for city children to go on the farm?" "We generally reply 'If you are going with the desire of getting rich, don't go. In the city you have lost your individuality, you are part of a social machine."

But if you want to be your own boss, if you want to speak your own opinions, go to the farm—if your wife is willing."

In conclusion Dr. Bailey unfolded a plan now being followed in other states to provide for horticultural education in some form in the public schools of the rural districts. The excited interest and enthusiasm in nature study.

It is probable that the Legislature will be asked to provide for the use of text books on horticulture in rural public schools.

Subjects discussed at Thursday's meeting were: "Grape Culture," Walter Massey, Smyrna; "Edible Nuts," J. W. Killen, Felton; "Small Fruits," Jerome A. Davis, Greensboro, Md.; "Insect Pests," Professor E. Dwight Sanderson, Delaware Experimental Station.

Evening—"Tomatoes for Market and for the Cannery," Professor James S. Robinson, Maryland Experimental Station; "To Prevent Plant Diseases," Dr. C. O. Townsend, Maryland Experimental Station.

Guardian's Sale

Minor's Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, made the 21st day of December, A. D., 1900, will be exposed to sale at public vendue,

Saturday, JAN. 19, 1901,
AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

At the National Hotel, occupied by John P. McIntyre, in the town of Middletown, Delaware, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the interest and estate of Charles A. Kelly, minor, in and to the following described real estate, viz:

No. 1.—Situate on the south side of Main street, in Middletown, aforesaid, bounded on the west by land of Frances E. Conneys, on the south by land of Frances E. Conneys and on the east by land of Jesse L. Shepherd; having a front on said Main street of 50 feet and extending back between parallel lines 150 feet; having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling and other improvements.

No. 2.—Situate on the north side of said Main street, bounded on the east by land of George W. Peterson, on the west by land of Sylvia A. Burris et al, and having a front on said Main street of 40 feet, and extending between parallel lines northwards to Anderson street; having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling and other improvements.

No. 3.—Situate in Middletown, aforesaid, bounded on the north by Lake street, and by land of the heirs of Richard Clayton, deceased, and land of George Johnson, on the east and south by land of Andrew Hushaback, and on the west by Catharine street, and land of Henry Rosin and William Brinkley. Containing about one acre and a half of land. And it is ordered by the Court that the Guardian make return of her proceedings in the execution of this order, on an adjourned term of the Orphans' Court for said County, to be held at Wilmington on the 30th day of January, A. D., 1901.

ELIZABETH S. ANDERSON,
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Attest: MARTIN B. BURNS, Attorney.

Colon Ferguson, Clerk, O. C.

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NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

CANTWELL MUTUAL

INSURANCE COMPANY,

will be held at the Hotel of Charles W. Lloyd

Monday, January 7th, 1901,

At which time Messrs (3) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposits Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid. The Directors have declared a DIVIDEND OF EIGHT (8) PER CENT. out of the Surplus Fund on all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 1st, 1901. Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH G. CORBIT, President.

JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.

Odessa, Del., Dec. 19th, 1900.

Public Sale!

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE ON

THURSDAY, January 31st, 1901,

AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.,

One Iron Bound Trunk and contents, property of the Empire Repertoire Co., and to be sold for board bill.

MRS. S. E. RYATT.
December 29th, 1900.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.
4.40 and 5.52 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 2.54, 4.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.52 a. m., 2.55 and 5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.30 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Ocala—9.10 a. m., 11.41 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sams-
ton—4.18 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JANUARY 12, 1901.

Local News.

Go to Jones & Bradley for fresh bread.
WANTED.—Fresh eggs at Armstrong's for cash.

WANTED.—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

Armstrong's meats are the best in town—tastier than his customers say.
DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

TO FARMERS.—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

We want another Tin and Sheet Iron Worker—Steady work and good wages to a competent workman. Apply to MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherbury's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.

C. R. CLAYTON.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson is selling her entire store stock, at half price, by an early call you can secure great bargains.

FOR RENT—8 Houses on Main street, one 10 rooms and bath, suitable for boarding. Apply to Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

FOR RENT—Good Store Room 60 feet deep on Main street, central location. Possession at once. For further particulars apply at this office.

NARABO, the Photographer, will continue business as usual during January. Will continue making Photos for 15 cents for this month only.

Broom Factory is working and turning out excellent work. Bring along your corn. Brooms wholesale and retail.

H. INGRAM, Middletown, Del.

WANTED—A farm to carry on by a practical man. Can give the best of reference. Have worked on the farm all my life, small family. T. G., this office.

Mr. F. L. Cates has bought from his brother John Cates, the "Paxson farm" in Pencader hundred. Mr. Cates' father has resided on the farm for the past 16 years.

Isaiah Waller, of Kirkwood, fell beneath the wheels of a train at Elkton, on Saturday night last, and was so seriously injured that he died on Monday at the Delaware Hospital.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is "Switzerland," Miss Lydia Cochran; "The Netherlands," Miss Maria Nowland; "Scandinavia," Miss Clara Blackiston.

If you are looking for good cheap groceries go to the out grocery store. The best of everything in my line at very low prices. Also a full line of Millinery. Miss E. F. INGRAM.

John Wainwright, of Wilmington, has secured a pension of \$10 a month from October 2d, 1899, for Lavenia Watson, widow of William Watson, residing at Delaware City. Watson served in Co. I, Sixth Regiment, Colored Infantry.

FOR RENT—The dwelling on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large stable near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possession given to each 25th March 1901. G. E. HUKILL.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening, at 6.45 o'clock. Every body is invited to attend. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Youthful Consecration." Eccles 12:1. Leader, Miss Viola McWhorter.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Youthful Consecration." Eccles 12:1.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 10th, Ladies—Mrs. A. E. Brown, Miss Wrenner Monrow, Miss Henerette Reese, care of Mr. Roberts. Gentlemen—James Davis, H. D. M. Howard, Rev. Waters.

Mr. John Armstrong has rented the store room formerly occupied by J. U. G. Reynolds, corner of Main and Broad streets, and will occupy the same on or about March 1st. He will greatly increase his stock of goods when he moves to his new quarters. This location is one of the most desirable in our town.

Miss Helen Smith entertained a few of her young friends Monday evening, the occasion being her 18th birthday. The evening was very much enjoyed by all; games, music, and other amusements indulged in. Refreshments were served and at a late hour all departed wishing Miss Smith much joy and happiness.

How is this for a swear off for the new year: I do sincerely and solemnly declare that I will at once discontinue borrowing my neighbor's TRANSCRIPT; and further, I will visit the office of that paper and order it sent to my address, at the same time depositing with the editor coin of the realm to the amount of \$1.00. It will pay you if you are going to erect a fence to call on J. F. McWhorter & Son before you buy, they are handling the well known Bay and American fences and are making an extra push on fence this year. They have contracted for several car load lots and are selling it very close to catch the trade. They have a car load of the different styles on hand now. They would be pleased to have you examine this fence and get the price.

Counterfeit five cent pieces are in circulation about Clayton and it is the supposition of some that a "counterfeit mill" is in operation somewhere in the vicinity. They are the size of a nickel made of pewter and bears the date 1897. When closely scrutinized they are found to be poorly made but in the medium of exchange they could be thoughtlessly passed for genuine money. From the suspected actions of a colored boy of Anaco, some think that the "Mill" is in operation in that vicinity, and efforts will be made to have Government authorities to trace the matter up.

The week of prayer will be observed in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, commencing next Sunday evening, January 13th. The meeting will be held every evening from Sunday until Friday, except on Wednesday, when a wedding service will take place. The pastor E. W. Caswell, expects aid from ministerial brethren during a portion of the week. The public are cordially invited to be present.

At the annual meeting of Forest Presbyterian Sunday School held Wednesday evening, January 2d, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. Fletcher Deakney, Superintendent; Dr. G. W. Pearson, Assistant Superintendent; George G. Rowe, Secretary; Dr. J. C. Sides, Treasurer; Prof. Grim, Musical Director; Miss Lena Pleasanton, Organist; Miss Vena Lynch, Miss Helen Naudain and Lindsey Cochran, Librarians.

"Blessed is the poor man." Pickpockets never bother him, and the road agents give him the wide berth. The tax collector never hounds him. Nobody tries to borrow and no one asks him to endorse. If the banks break he can grin and bear it like a man. He never runs over head and ears in debt, and is not robbed by lawyers or harassed by litigation. Burglars never invade his premises and he sleeps in peace. When he dies nobody questions his will or attempts to confiscate his bones. Blessed, therefore, are the poor in pocket, for they always get their money's worth.

Mr. John Spicer fell from the wind mill on the farm tenanted by Mr. Edgar Clark, about two miles west from town, Thursday morning, sustaining several painful injuries. Mr. Spicer was engaged in repairing the mill, and in crossing over a plank leading from the wind mill to the water tower, it suddenly gave way, the unfortunate man falling to the ground a distance of about 30 feet. In the fall he struck the frame work of the mill three times, and each time turning a complete somersault. A doctor was immediately summoned and after dressing the wounds he was brought to his home in this town, and at this writing is reported to be improving.

FOUND DEAD

Samuel Thomas, colored, was found dead in his little log cabin at Armstrong's Corner, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, by Mr. Harry R. Rhoades and Frisby Jones. Thomas who was 72 years old, had lived alone for the past twelve years, his wife deserting him about that time. During the past four months he had received about \$400.00 in accrued pensions, and only two weeks ago got his quarterly check of \$24, and when it became known that he had gotten the money, it was thought the old man had possibly been murdered. Coroner William Prick was notified and he deputed "Squire" William B. Reynolds to hold the inquest.

The following jury was drawn: Messrs. Joshua Clayton, Jr., S. S. Holten, George W. Hazell, Purnell T. Jones, Jacob S. Cochran and John E. Ginn. Dr. G. W. Pearson made a post mortem examination, and found the heart was very much enlarged, it weighing 22 ounces. The jury rendered the following verdict:

"That, Samuel Thomas came to his death from natural causes, superinduced by an affection of the heart, which had grown to an abnormal size."

HE HAS MANY FRIENDS

Henry C. Ellison, the new President protempore of the Senate, was born on the Ellison homestead near Summit Bridge, this county, in 1849, and is a successful farmer and land owner, the old homestead now being in his possession. His family have always been prominent in the county's history. He has a wife and three grown children, a son being connected with the Security, Trust and Safe Deposit Company in Wilmington. For thirty-eight years Mr. Ellison has been connected with Forest Presbyterian Church, now in this town, but which was originally located on the State road, one mile south of Middletown. He is an honorary member of the Junior Order Mechanics, but is not identified with any other secret societies.

DELAWARE RAILROAD CO

At the annual meeting of the Delaware Railroad Co., held at Dover at noon, Thursday.

Henry F. Kenney, E. Tatnall Warner, John P. Green, Samuel Rea, Samuel Bancroft, Jr., William T. Porter, Walter O. Hofferker, Manlove Hayes, William T. Watson, James J. Ross, Thomas Curry, Ezekiah Harrington, William T. Reynolds, Murray Vandiver, Charles T. Westcott. Number of votes cast 75,600. At the directors meeting the following officers were elected: President, H. F. Kenney, Philadelphia; Vice-President, E. Tatnall Warner, Wilmington; Secretary and Treasurer, Manlove Hayes, Dover.

TO RAISE TONS OF BERRIES

W. F. Allen, of the Peninsula Plant Farm, who is recognized as one of the foremost strawberry plant growers in Kent county, has purchased the Egypt farm near Princess Anne, Md., containing 485 acres, for \$9,000. Mr. Allen intends to put 100 acres of the land in strawberry plants, and 50 acres in red raspberry plants, and will ship the berries to New England markets in refrigerators. The N. Y. P. & N. Railroad passes through the farm, and a switch will be put in, in order to facilitate the shipment of the crops. About 300 acres of the 485 are in a high state of cultivation, last year producing 50 bushels of corn to the acre.

Short-Hair

Friday evening Miss Mabel L. Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hart, and the Rev. F. Burgette Short, the popular pastor of Epworth M. E. Church, were married at the home of the bride's parents, No. 302 West Twelfth street, Wilmington. The ceremony was performed by Presiding Elder Robert Watt, assisted by the Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., of St. Paul M. E. Church. The wedding was quiet.

Thomas Sice Dead

Thomas Sice, brother to Rev. M. B. Sice, rector of St. Joseph's Industrial School, of Clayton, died and was buried at Havre de Grace, during the past week. At the funeral services part of the choir of the Clayton church sang at the requiem mass. Several of the sisters from St. Joseph's School also attended the funeral which was quite large.

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PERSONALITIES

Mr. R. Lawrence Taylor was in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. H. W. Pharo is visiting her daughter in Philadelphia.

Mr. John C. O. Kelley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. John J. Rosa, of Milford, was a visitor in town on Thursday.

Mr. L. H. Bailey, of Ithaca, N. J., was in town for a few days this week.

Mr. H. W. Van Eych, of North Branch, N. J., was a visitor here on Sunday.

Mr. Herman Conner, of Baltimore, is spending some time with his mother.

Miss Carrie Ferris, of Smyrna, spent several days of this week with relatives here.

Miss Margaret Connor, of Philadelphia, was entertained over Sunday by Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Mrs. H. C. Jones, of Havre-de-Grace, is the guest of relatives and friends in town this week.

Mr. William R. Cochran left on Monday for a two weeks gunning trip through North Carolina.

Mrs. William Draper, of Philadelphia was the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. T. Clayton, on Cass street.

Mr. C. H. Jolls, of Wyoming, was in town Thursday evening, attending the Sterner-Parker wedding.

Messrs. Charles Hamilton, Richbell Jones, and Jay Laselle, of Smyrna, were in town Monday evening.

Mr. John Armstrong has been confined to his home on North Broad street for the past few days, but is much better at this writing.

Dr. S. N. Pool, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is visiting his parents at McDonough, and in a few days will leave for North Carolina, on a two weeks gunning trip.

"It is with pleasure we are able to state that our fellow-townsmen, Dr. R. A. McKee, who has been confined to his room for the past two weeks, is improving, and hopes to be out in a few days.

Mr. Samuel Kelley left on Monday for Minnesota, Florida, where he will remain for several months. Mr. Kelley's health demanded a change of climate, and his many friends wish him a pleasant trip, and a speedy restoration to health.

Governor-elect Huns, wife and daughter Miss Alice were in town Thursday evening, in attendance at the Sterner-Parker nuptials. The Governor paid us a brief call, and other than a slight cold expressed himself as being in the best of health. They were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

ST. GEORGES NOTES

D. Clark was a visitor in town Tuesday night.

Fred Kumpel visited Wilmington Wednesday.

Mrs. William Price has returned from Clayton.

Daniel Cuth spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Robert Stevens spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Harry Richards was a Wilmington visitor Tuesday.

H. V. Backson was a Wilmington visitor on Wednesday.

Dr. S. A. Fritts has rented the Newton property in this town.

Messrs. Gus Robison and Edward Moore are in Baltimore.

Walter Burris, of Bear Station, paid our town a visit Thursday.

Mrs. Sutton is entertaining her sister Mrs. Preston, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Dolson is entertaining Mrs. White and daughter, Miss Effie, of Smyrna.

H. V. Backson entertained William Haman, of State Road, on Thursday.

Dr. S. A. Fritts has sold his property to Mr. John Gam, of Augustine Park.

George Swain and family are entertaining Woodland Joseph, of Philadelphia.

Miss Lillie Cannon is taking a course of short hand and type writing at Gold-ey's.

Miss Mattie Cann has been for part of this week the guest of Samuel Lester and family, of Porters.

A number of the young folks of our town attended the party last week in the Assembly Hall, at Delaware City.

George Swain and family on Wednesday entertained Mrs. William Haman, and daughter, Miss Effie, of Smyrna.

Mr. John Gam, of Augustine Park, and Mrs. John Vail, of McDonough.

PORT PENN WAVES

Mr. C. C. Conrad spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. James Gam, of St. Georges, was in town this week.

Mr. Walter Yearseley is spending the winter in Philadelphia.

Master Calvin Stidham is spending the winter in Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spicer are spending two weeks at Bethel.

Kumpel's for first class groceries.

Mr. Oliver Stevens, formerly of Odessa, called on friends Tuesday.

Mr. John A. Jolls, of Middletown, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Yearseley and son visited Wilmington on Tuesday.

Rev. Harry Mitchell, pastor of the M. E. Church, we are glad to state, is improving.

SUPERSTITION OF BRIDES

The following clipping is taken from the New York Weekly January 5th, and coming from our town, will undoubtedly be of interest to some of our readers.

Middletown, Del.—There is a senseless superstition in regard to the color of the gown worn by a bride. This superstition is expressed in the appended rhyme:

Married in white, you have chosen all right;
Married in gray, you will go far away;
Married in black, you will wish yourself luck;
Married in red, you will wish yourself dead;
Married in green, ashamed to be seen;
Married in blue, he will always be true;
Married in pearl, you will live in a whirl;
Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow;
Married in brown, you will live out of town;
Married in pink, your spirits will sink.

The day on which a couple are married has also a significance as expressed below:

Monday for wealth,
Tuesday for health,
Wednesday the best of all,
Thursday for crosses,
Friday for losses,
Saturday no luck at all,
Sunday lasts forever.

With those who later And is a good day for all.

STERNER-PARKER NUPTIALS

One of the prettiest weddings ever celebrated at the Methodist Episcopal Church of this town, was that of Miss Elizabeth Clark Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Parker, and Mr. Levi Gundy Sterner of Camden, Delaware, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The bride's friends decorated the Church in a most elaborate way, designing a very beautiful arch of evergreen where the bride and groom solemnized the marriage vows under the symbol of good luck, a horse shoe.

Miss Anna Lambert, attired in white organdie gave a well rendered recital before the strains of Lohengrin announced the approach of the bridal party. From the door on the right appeared Miss Annie Walton, of Philadelphia, followed by Miss Edith Beck of Smyrna, while from the door on the left approached Miss Doris Beck, of Smyrna, and Miss Katherine Beckett, of Smyrna.

Mrs. John C. Sides, a sister of the bride as the matron of honor led the bridal party from a door in the rear meeting the bridesmaids in the middle aisle. She was attired in her wedding gown, white mousseline de sole over white silk with satin trimmings, and was followed by the maid of honor, Miss E. Ray Lank, of Philadelphia, in green lands down with pan velvet and duchess lace. Miss Walton from the right and Miss Beckett from the left followed in white point d'esprit over green silk with pan velvet and ribbon trimmings followed Miss Lank, while Miss Beckett and Miss Beck in white d'esprit over pink silks with pan velvet and white satin trimmings brought up the rear.

At the doors they were met by the ushers Mr. William A. Hukill, of this town, and Mr. Cornelius Prier, of Dover, Mr. Frederick Clark and Mr. Julian Cooper of Camden, where they were met at the altar by the groom attended by his best man, Mr. William Connell, of Baltimore.

After the ushers came Misses Walton and Price carrying white carnations, smilax; Misses Beckett and Beck carrying pink carnations with smilax; Mrs. J. C. Sides carrying La France roses; Miss Lank carrying white narcissus; the little flower girl, Esther Read, carrying a basket of green and carnations followed by the bride leaning upon the arm of her father who gave her away. They were met at the altar by Dr. E. W. Caswell who performed the ceremony.

The bride's gown was white crepe de chene with mousseline and duchess lace trimmings. Her veil was caught up with sprays of hyacinths and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and hyacinths. During the ceremony "O Promise Me" was played and at the close of the ceremony the organ pealed forth the strains of Mendelssohn's march.

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, South Broad street, where many friends gathered to congratulate the couple and to wish them many years of happy life. Mr. and Mrs. Sterner left on the 12.55 train for the South and showers of rice and the best wishes of their many friends. Upon their return they will reside in Camden. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Many of them will be preserved beyond a life time, a long and happy life period and in the years to come will recall bright and happy memories.

Among the guests entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landon, Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, Mrs. M. May Walker, Mrs. F. A. Lank, Mr. Edward Read, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lanning, of Trenton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Luine, Mrs. George Moore, and Miss Elizabeth Denison, of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Parker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slaughter, Misses Ella and Mary Johnson, and Miss Edith of Dover. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson entertained Governor and Mrs. Huns and Miss Huns, of Wyoming.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of Middletown public schools have attained an average of 90 per cent or over for the month of December.

DEPARTMENT, No. 1.—Evert Holt, Pierce Alrich, Boys Salmon, Bayard Elias, Joseph Conneys, Sewell Downs, Edgar Rowe, Susan, of Philadelphia; Mr. Esther Shallos, Edith Allee, Louise McDowell, Estelita Snydam, Sylvia Arthur, Arthur Ford, James Davis, Sophie, Elizabeth Sayre, Josephine Salmon, Grace Parvis, Elyse Jones, Jeanette Schrietz.

DEPARTMENT, No. 2.—Lillian Solway, May Kumpel, Marie Deakney, Elizabeth Holten, Samuel Burston, George Allee, Clarence Donovan, Grover Bendler, Myrtle Bramble, Edna Banning, Louise McCree, Number of votes cast 75,600. At the directors meeting the following officers were elected: President, H. F. Kenney, Philadelphia; Vice-President, E. Tatnall Warner, Wilmington; Secretary and Treasurer, Manlove Hayes, Dover.

DEPARTMENT, No. 3.—Helen Rowe, Howard Burchard, Lillian Walker, Emily Allee, Charles Byrd, J. C. Parker, James Adkins, Sarah Savin, Reese Darlington, Ada Scott, Flora Blome, Alice Dawson, Blanche Deakney.

DEPARTMENT, No. 4.—Mary Hushbeck, Florence Brown, Bessie Wright, Lohbeck, Clothier, Estella Beaton, Elsie Boulden, Fannie McCrone, Bertha Jones, Anna Shallos, Sophia Blome, Julia Manl.

DEPARTMENT, No. 5.—Elyse, Foulke, Bertha Whitlock, Nellie Pyle, Leola Berkman, Roy Weber, George Hukill, Elsie Whitlock, Lena Weber, Ruby Whitlock, Mabel Dawson, Hattie Lewis, Ida Jones, Crystal Moore, Miriam Berkman, Beulah Bailly, Della Muehlberg, Frank Maul, Rupert Burston.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mrs. E. G. Lynch is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Anne Wilson.

Mr. Gilbert Hayden, mother and sister, of Wilmington, have been visiting in town.

Miss Clara Blackburn, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. R. B. Merritt on Wednesday.

Quite a number from here enjoyed the skating at Lockwood's pond, near town, on Saturday.

Mr. Urie Piles Ginn, a well-to-do farmer, and oldest son of Mr. M. T. Ginn, and Miss Elsie McGee, eldest daughter of Mrs. Varena Vineyard, were married at the P. C. Church here Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. McLean Brown. Miss Susie Wilson, of Elk Neck, was maid of honor and William Ginn, of Philadelphia, was best man. The wedding march was played by Miss B. V. Gule, of this place. The ushers were Mr. J. R. Ginn, Mr. Guy Johnson, Mr. Walter Shriver and Mr. William Lofland all of Warwick. The church was tastefully decorated with plants and evergreen. The bride was attired in traveling suit of broad cloth with hat and gloves to match. Her bouquet was of white carnations. After the ceremony a reception was held at their future home "Fair Oaks," near town. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET

Daniel Collins, of Dover, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Katie Hutchison has returned from a visit to Middletown.

Miss Edna Phillips, of Smyrna, has been visiting in this section.

Mrs. Vina Lyman is visiting Mrs. Thomas Hudson at Sassafras.

Mr. Ezekiel Sparks and wife, of Elkton, was seen in town on Monday.

Miss Ella Maloney is visiting relatives in Germantown and Philadelphia.

Miss Lizzie Diech has returned from a visit among her friends at Leisic.

Miss Malissa Pinder, of Clayton, spent Sunday with G. E. Pinder and family.

Miss Bessie Phillips has returned from a delightful visit among Townsend friends.

Mrs. C. E. Jones and Reece Darlington, of Middletown, spent Monday with Mrs. G. E. Pinder.

Mrs. Annie Allen and Mrs. George M. Wilson have returned from a pleasant visit among relatives and friends here.

Henry Deakney received the congratulations of his many friends on Thursday on attaining his thirty-eight birthday. He received many handsome and valuable presents. In the evening he gave a most enjoyable supper to his many friends.

Mr. Robert Taylor, one of the most aged and best known citizens passed away at his home near here on Tuesday. He had resided in this section for many years, and his death resulted from general debility. He was in his 68th year, and was of such a disposition as to always gain friends. Very naturally, his death is profoundly regretted in the community where his useful and beneficent life was passed. His rare and ripened intellectuality, quick and general sympathy, helpful spirit of enterprise and high personal character, had long endeared him to a hosts of friends to whom his untimely taking off will bring a sad sense of irreparable loss. He is survived by two sons, Robert and George, both of whom live in this locality, the wife and mother having died several years ago.

ODESSA HAPPENINGS

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis was a Baltimore visitor this week.

Mr. George Norton Davis visited friends in Newark Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. F. H. Burgess, of Ridley Park, Pa., was an Odessa visitor Tuesday.

Miss Edith Derrickson, of Warwick, is visiting her cousin, Miss Anna Gibson.

Mr. Charles K. Gibson has returned to Drew Seminary after three weeks vacation.

The grip has made its appearance in town and has already claimed several victims.

Mrs. Francis B. Watkins spent several days this week in Elkton with her cousin, Mrs. Carrie McCollough.

Mr. Alfred Stevens who has been quite ill is much better, his many friends are glad to hear of his improvement.

Miss E. Nora Armstrong who has been spending sometime with Miss Ethel Haines in Philadelphia, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. John C. Corbit who was spending the winter in Philadelphia was called home suddenly by the serious illness of Miss Martha Jarrell, a member of her household.

The funeral services of Mrs. Lily Huhn, who died Friday, January 4th, were held at the home of Mr. George Huhn, Monday. The remains were interred in Drawyers Cemetery. Her husband and five children survive her.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1.....70 Corn.....
No. 2.....67 Yellow, shelled 38
Timothy Seed \$1.80 "cob..... 35
Clover Seed 1b 7c Oats..... 30

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz..... 19c23
Country Butter, per lb..... 24c28
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 30c30
Eggs, per doz..... 36c30
Live Chickens, per lb..... 8c10
Ducks, Dressed, per lb..... 10c12
Potatoes, per basket..... 35c40

Notice!

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., Jan. 10th, 1901.
All persons owing the estate of the late Dr. Horace Vaughan, are requested to make a SETTLEMENT within 20 days from the above date. After the 30th of January all claims will be placed for collection.

EDWARD M. VAUGHAN,

Executor.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA.
JANUARY 2d, 1901.
The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT, clear of taxes, payable on or after the 10th inst.

JOE L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

PROPER NATIONAL BANK
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
December 20th, 1900.
The Board of Directors have